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POLITICAL

POLITBURO MEMBER SAYS KSC ACKNOWLEDGES SLOVAK NATION'S RIGHT TO SEPARATION --
Bratislava, Pravda, 9 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

The KSC (Communist Party of Czechoslovakia) has always acknowledged the national character of the Slovak people and their right to self-determination. The right of a nation of self-determination, including separation, naturally also embraces the right to decide on communal life in one state unit. The party has always conceived the Slovak nation's right to self-determination in this light. It fought against national oppression and pushed through the establishment of living conditions for oppressed nationalities so that separation lost its purpose. -- Karol Bacilek, member of Politburo of KSC Central Committee

[Comment: To FDD's knowledge, this is the first time that a high ranking member of the KSC has acknowledged Slovakia's right to self-determination, including separation.]

ECONOMIC

HIDDEN BLOC DELIVERIES TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF EAST GERMAN AGRICULTURAL COLLECTIVIZATION DRIVE -- Bonn, Die Wirtschaft des Ostblocks, 24 Jun 60, p 4a

CPYRGHT

Hungary and Rumania have been instructed by the CEMA Permanent Commission [for Agriculture] to make the 1960 harvest reserves available to the GDR to assure "the success of the socialization measures of the GDR government." The instructions state specifically that these deliveries are not to be settled through foreign trade accounts. Hungary's deliveries will be offset against the assistance it received from the GDR after the revolt, while Rumania will be compensated likewise through an offset against the same GDR-Hungarian account. Thus the deliveries will not appear in the GDR foreign trade statistics and will be added to the domestic GDR harvest statistics. Since neither Hungary nor Rumania has any "harvest reserves," the two countries will have to curtail their winter reserves and shorten the allocations to their own populations.

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MONGOLIAN-CHINESE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN BROADCASTING -- Ulan Bator, Unen, 7 May 60

CPYRGHT

Ulan Bator, 6 May 1960 (MONTSAME) -- An agreement was signed on 6 May 1960 concerning collaboration in radiobroadcasting between the Information and Broadcasting Administration of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Broadcasting Administration Bureau of the People's Republic of China. The document was signed in Peiping by J. Dzunduy, chairman of the Information and Broadcasting Administration of the People's Republic of China, and Mei I, chairman of the Broadcasting Administration Bureau. Among those present was Li Ch'ang-fen, chief of the Asia Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

INSECT-RESISTANT COTTON PLANT DEVELOPED IN CHINA -- Peiping Druzha, No 24, 10 Jun 60

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A new type of cotton plant has been developed in China by hybridization of the wild plant "chiu-kuei" (autumn mallow) and tai-tse cotton. It is highly resistant to certain cotton pests; fiber length averages 32 millimeters; average fiber yield is 40 percent. Second generation seeds were sown in 1959 on a sample plot.

MILITARY

EAST GERMAN BORDER POLICE CHIEF REPLACED -- Berlin, Der Grenzpolizist, 23 Jun 60

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Oberstleutnant Mueller, who greeted the assembled guests at the Fifth Border Police Party Delegate Conference, informed them that Comrade General-major Paul Ludwig has, after a prolonged illness, assumed another leading post outside the Border Police. He greeted Comrade Oberst Erich Peter as the new CO of the [East] German Border Police.

[Comment: In the past, changes in top level military commands have generally not been announced per se in the East German military press; rather, the evidence would appear (sometimes months later) in a casual reference to a certain officer as head of a particular force or unit.]

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

HUNGARIANS ACTIVATE AIR-LIQUEFACTION INSTALLATION -- Budapest, Nepszabadsag, 22 Jun 60, p 8

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An air-liquefaction installation received from the Soviet Union and capable of producing 15 liters of liquid nitrogen per hour has been activated in the new low-temperature laboratory of the Nuclear Research Institute in Debrecen.

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